

GARY WALDEN

Hairstylist Gary Walden is a 28 year veteran of the beauty industry. He's originally from Waco, TX and studied at the Ogle School. Over the years, Gary has become a mentor to young stylists, teaching technical classes as well as assisting them in career development. He's involved in the fashion and nonprofit worlds, developing Visionaries In Partnership (VIP) and creating events for Susan G Komen and Child Advocates, amongst others. Gary serves as creative director for hair and makeup for Legal Hospice Fashion: Cited for eight years and counting, celebrity stylist for Esteem and co-chair for Catwalk for Water. He's even walked the runway at philanthropic fashion events like DIFFA Dallas! His passion for beauty and fashion made him a great, inspiring panelist during our FGI the Future of Beauty event this past summer.

LOREN FRANCO

Loren Franco Designs specializes in children's and young adult clothing and accessories. She graduated with honors with a Bachelor's degree in finance from Texas Woman's University. Although she has a finance degree, but has always had a passion for the arts and decided to pursue fashion. Loren's family is known as The Franco Dream Team and are involved in her business. Her husband Edward Franco is a photographer and her son models. Loren has shown her designs on runways in major cities including Los Angeles, Austin, Houston, Atlanta and New York, to name a few. The Loren Franco Designs motto is "creativity has no boundaries;" learn more at www.LorenFranco.com

SHELLY ROSENBERG

Shelly Rosenberg is a Dallas-based interior designer, writer and brand developer. Shelly Rosenberg Studio goes deeper than designing a beautiful space, it's about creating a sanctuary that improve people's lives. Her writing and interior design work have been featured in publications like Modern Luxury Interiors and Papercity. In addition to having a degree in Interior Design, her degree in PR makes her a great resource for businesses who are in the process of establishing unique brands. We were so excited to present Shelly with the FGI Dallas Rising Star 2017 award in interior Design this past March. Learn more about Shelly Rosenberg on her website! <http://shellyrosenbergstudio.com>

LAILA DAR

Laila Dar, an Influencer Marketing Coordinator at Neiman Marcus, earned a Bachelor's Degree in both Business Administration and Art History in 2015 at Austin College. During college, she wrote for College Fashionista, an online community where influencers apply and once accepted, contribute content about fashion, beauty, lifestyle and career. Before beginning her position at Neiman Marcus in July 2017, Laila worked at PR Vein in Dallas as an Assistant Account Executive where she secured press opportunities for clients and managed brand partnerships for influencers.